IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

~~a first indicator~~ plurality of indicators;

~~a second indicator~~;

each of the plurality of indicators being associated with a plurality of platform layers and a plurality of protocols; and

a ~~device~~ plurality of devices associated with the ~~first indicator and the second indicator~~plurality of indicators;

~~the~~ each device configured to:

receive a packet;

detect a first protocol associated with the packet;

cause the first indicator to be activated in response to detecting the first protocol;

detect a second protocol associated with the packet; and

cause the second indicator to be activated in response to detecting the second protocol~~.~~, whereby the number of indicators depends on the number of protocols supported by each device.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a router.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a switch.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a storage device.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a network interface card.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the packet includes a first header and a second header, wherein ~~the~~ each device is configured to detect the first protocol in response to the first header, and wherein ~~the~~ each device is configured to detect the second protocol in response to the second header.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes at least one hardware component configured to detect the first protocol and the second protocol.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a program configured to detect the first protocol and the second protocol.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the program includes a device driver.

10. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a plurality of indicators, each indicator being associated with a plurality of platform layers and a plurality of protocols;

providing a plurality of devices associated with the plurality of indicators, each device configured for:

receiving a packet;

detecting a first protocol associated with the packet;

causing a first indicator to be activated in response to detecting the first protocol associated with the packet;

detecting a second protocol associated with the packet; and

causing a second indicator to be activated in response to detecting the second protocol associated with the packet~~.~~, whereby the number of indicators depends on the number of protocols supported by each device.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

detecting the first protocol in response to a first header included in the packet; and

detecting the second protocol in response to a second header included in the packet.

12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a ~~first indicator~~plurality of indicators;

~~a second indicator;~~

each of the plurality of indicators being associated with a plurality of platform layers and a plurality of protocols; and

a plurality of devices ~~device~~ associated with the ~~first indicator and the second indicator~~plurality of indicators;

the device configured to:

transmit a packet;

detect a first protocol associated with the packet;

cause the first indicator to be activated in response to detecting the first protocol;

detect a second protocol associated with the packet; and

cause the second indicator to be activated in response to detecting the second protocol~~.~~, whereby the number of indicators depends on the number of protocols supported by each device.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a router.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a switch.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a storage device.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a network interface card.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the packet includes a first header and a second header, wherein ~~the~~ each device is configured to detect the first protocol in response to the first header, and wherein ~~the~~ each device is configured to detect the second protocol in response to the second header.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes at least one hardware component configured to detect the first protocol and the second protocol.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ each device includes a program configured to detect the first protocol and the second protocol.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the program includes a device driver.

21. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a plurality of indicators, each indicator being associated with a plurality of platform layers and a plurality of protocols;

providing a plurality of devices associated with the plurality of indicators, each device configured for:

transmitting a packet;

detecting a first protocol associated with the packet;

causing a first indicator to be activated in response to detecting the first protocol associated with the packet;

detecting a second protocol associated with the packet; and

causing a second indicator to be activated in response to detecting the second protocol associated with the packet~~.~~, whereby the number of indicators depends on the number of protocols supported by each device.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

detecting the first protocol in response to a first header included in the packet; and

detecting the second protocol in response to a second header included in the packet.

23. (Withdrawn).